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HEROIN DISTRIBUTION NETS TWO MEN LONG PRISON TERMS IN FEDERAL PRISONS

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, January 21, 2009, that Shaun “Shorty” Roe and Michael Carle were each sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 168 and 150 months in prison, respectively, for their convictions of conspiracy to distribute heroin.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentences on Roe, age 25, and Carle, age 29.

According to information presented to the court by Lead OCDETF Prosecutor, Assistant United States Attorney Stephan A. Collins, Roe and Carle were part of an organization that distributed heroin between Arizona and Alaska. On January 4, 2008, the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration intercepted a package that had been shipped from Arizona to Alaska that contained over 800 grams of heroin. Following that interception, law enforcement officers arrested Carle, Courtney Milligan, and Carlos Gonzalez. The ensuing investigation revealed that Roe, who was then serving a State of Alaska sentence for robbery at the Red Rock Correctional Center, in Eloy, Arizona, had organized the drug distribution network. At the time of his arrest, Carle was on probation following his prior state conviction for misconduct involving controlled substances in the 4th degree.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess stated that the sentences for these two defendants needed to reflect the seriousness of the their conduct as well as provide a deterrent to others who might consider engaging in drug trafficking. Judge Burgess was particularly troubled by the fact that Roe was in prison when he organized this network of drug traffickers and that Carle’s arrest had not deterred Roe from sending another package of heroin that law enforcement intercepted in February 2008. Judge Burgess previously sentenced Courtney Milligan to serve a term of 48 months of imprisonment. Carlos Gonzales awaits sentencing, as well as Christine Walters, another codefendant in this case.

Mr. Cohen commended the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Anchorage Police Department for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of the defendants.

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